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TO AMEMBASSY RANGOON

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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS:OVIP, BM

SUBJECT: VISIT OF DR. BOURNE AND MS. FALCO

1. IN A CONVERSATION WITH THE BURMESE AMBASSADOR ON MARCH 9, THE AMBASSADOR INVITED DR. PETER BOURNE, SPECIAL ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT AND MATHEA FALCO, SENIOR ADVISER TO THE SECRETARY FOR INTERNATIONAL NARCOTICS MATTERS TO VISIT BURMA. WHILE GIVING NO SPECIFICS, THE AMBASSADOR INDICATED THAT THE BURMESE GOVERNMENT DESIRES TO EXPLORE POSSIBILITIES OF EXPANDED U.S. NARCOTICS CONTROL ASSISTANCE DURING SUCH A VISIT. BOTH DR. BOURNE AND MS. FALCO PLAN TO VISIT BOTH BURMA AND THAILAND IN MID-APRIL AS PART OF A TRIP INVOLVING THE EA NARCOTICS COORDINATORS CONFERENCE SCHEDULED IN BANGKOK APRIL 14-15. MS. FALCO IS SCHEDULED TO ATTEND THE INTERNATIONAL DRUG ASSOCIATION CONFERENCE ON THE 18TH OF APRIL IN KUALA LUMPUR.

2. YOUR RECOMMENDATION IS REQUESTED AS TO PARTICULAR DATES EITHER BEFORE OR AFTER THE BANGKOK CONFERENCE WHICH WOULD BE MOST SUITABLE FOR THE BURMA VISIT AND YOUR ASSESSMENT OF CONFIDENTIAL

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WHAT ADDITIONAL ASSISTANCE TO BURMA MIGHT APPROPRIATELY BE EXPLORED. (FYI: THE QUESTION OF FIXED WING AIRCRAFT IS CURRENTLY UNDER STUDY HERE. END FYI.) DR. BOURNE AND MS. FALCO LOOK FORWARD TO DISCUSSIONS WITH YOU AND WITH APPROPRIATE GOB OFFICIALS.  
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